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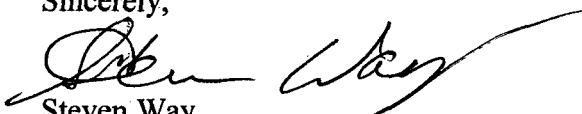
Mr. Anthony Brown
Atlantic Richfield Company
4 Centerpointe Drive
Project Manager, Mining La Palma, CA 90623-1066

Re: Rico Argentine Mine Site – Administrative Order for Removal Action (“UAO”)
Docket No. CERCLA-08-2011-0005 – Approval of Flood Dike Upgrades

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is an approval of the upgrades planned for the flood dike as presented in the Atlantic Richfield Company, March 1, 2012 Interim Flood Dike Upgrades -Technical Memorandum. At this time, it is understood the dike improvements will include Ponds 15/18 revetment improvements and reducing slopes where greater than 1.5H:1V. In addition, the two seep areas found at ponds 15 and 18 will be exposed and filter material placed and riprap replaced. Finally, the dike elevation will be raised on Pond 9 to provide a three foot freeboard under 100 year flood conditions. It is understood that this work will be performed during the 2012 field season.

Sincerely,


Steven Way,
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Amelia Piggott, 8ENF-L



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